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BY: Ernest Shadley**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Guan, S. et al.

Serial No.: 09/607,535

Group Art Unit: 1764

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For: METHODS FOR SCREENING
CATALYSTS IN A PARALLEL
FIXED BED REACTOR

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TC 1700**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102**

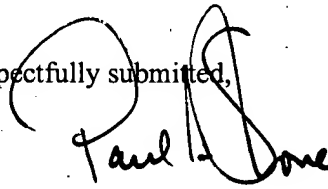
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to make the above-identified application special pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P § 708.02(II), and respectfully request that the application be advanced out of turn for examination.

The basis for this petition is because of actual infringement. Specifically, Applicants hereby allege that: (1) there is a device or product actually on the market or in use that Applicants believe infringe the presently pending-claims of the instant application; (2) a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device or product with the presently-pending claims of the application has been made, and that in the opinion of the undersigned, at least some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (3) Applicants have made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or have a good knowledge of the pertinent art.

Copies of the most relevant art are of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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